

Millennial Star



Winter at Temple Square

“Resplendent in its surroundings of glistening white snow . . .”



EARTH, I HAVE LOVED YOU WELL

By ESTELLE WEBB THOMAS

EARTH, I have loved you well,
Loved every varied mood;
Each rill and leafy dell,
Green hill and shadowy wood;

*And from your bounteous store
Life's very breath I've drawn—
Strange, when I'll need no more,
You shall give freely on!—*

*Earth, I have loved to dream,
Cradled upon your breast;
May you so friendly seem
When comes my dreamless rest;*

*And may I feel no dread
That you must hold me tight—
Deep in your heart, my bed—
When comes my long, dark night!*



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"All men . . . must repent, and be baptized in his name, having perfect faith in the Holy One of Israel, or they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God."—2 Nephi 9: 23.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER—

Resplendent in its surroundings of glistening white snow, a winter view of the Salt Lake Temple is shown on the front cover. Atop the centre tower may be seen the statue of the Angel Moroni, the heavenly visitor who delivered to the Prophet Joseph Smith the Golden Plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated with the aid of Divine inspiration. The statue, which is 12 feet from head to foot, stands 210 feet above the ground.

During winter months the trees, flowers, and famed buildings on Temple Square are covered with a blanket of white snow. In summer, the entire square is radiant with its green lawns and trees, and vari-coloured flowers. Besides the Temple, other buildings on the Square include the Tabernacle, Assembly Hall, and Bureau of Information. There are also the Seagull monument and the monuments to the Prophet, his brother Hyrum, and the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon.

A CHURCH OF SELF-DEVELOPMENT

By ELDER STRINGHAM A. STEVENS

IN a recent conversation with a man in Chicago, a high official of one of our large national industries, we had occasion, at his request, to discuss some phases of the organization of the Mormon Church. He was especially interested in the programme offered to young people in the Mutual Improvement Association and other organizations of the Church as well as our missionary system, and he made this significant observation: "I would give a great deal," he said, "if my own two boys, one 17 and the other 19 years of age, could have the same opportunity as your boys, to participate in such a worthwhile programme. I think the Mormon Church offers the finest training to young people that can be had anywhere."



Stringham A. Stevens
*"Every man is master
of his own destiny."*

He explained that there were no such advantages to be had in the community where he lived and that the opportunity for development, through activity and self-expression, could not be secured at any price. He was also greatly impressed with the opportunities enjoyed in the Church for enriching the social contacts of young people, and spoke of the protection which such a system offered in preparation for life and marriage.

All thoughtful parents everywhere are, no doubt, as deeply concerned with the welfare of their children as is our Chicago friend. They too are extremely anxious to surround their boys and girls with every possible advantage. In these days of widespread indifference to many of the basic

laws of the human race, as enunciated in the great Decalogue given to Moses on Mount Sinai, let us be thankful that there are still parents whose greatest ambition is to rear sons and daughters who will be prepared to carry the torch of Christian civilization to higher peaks than we have yet attained.

To all such parents and to their children, may we suggest a few of the many opportunities offered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Perhaps one of the most unusual features of the Church is the wide participation in all forms of activity by the individual members. There being no paid ministry, the members carry on the work themselves, and every one, young and old, has many opportunities to take part.

This can best be illustrated by two stories which have come to our attention. The first one deals with a Church member who was teaching a class in public speaking in an eastern university. In his class were several business and professional

men, eager to acquire the art of effective speech. The young Mormon teacher was urging them to avail themselves of every opportunity to practice speaking in public, and suggested that they take advantage of every occasion to speak in their own churches. Immediately several members of the class asked what was meant by this suggestion. They said that there was little opportunity for anyone, except the pastor, to do any speaking in their church. The teacher, having lived practically all his life in a Mormon community, was so accustomed to thinking of his church as a place where every man has innumerable opportunities to speak, that he had completely forgotten that such a condition is not generally prevalent.

For Development of Self

This article, describing the organization of the Church, with the numerous opportunities afforded members for their self-development, comes from an author who has had many years of experience in many of the various auxiliaries of which he writes.

Elder Stevens is a member of the General Committee of the Church Security Programme and also a member of the General Board of the Y.M.M.I.A. He arranged for President Heber J. Grant's appearance on the programme of the Conference of Agriculture, Industry and Science at Dearborn, Michigan, last summer and accompanied him on the trip. His account of the trip "The President Goes to Dearborn" appeared in the *Star* of August 13, 1936.

The author is the father of Elder Robert S. Stevens, now labouring in the British Mission as a member of the Millennial Chorus.

The other story is told by a young lady who was formerly a missionary for the Church in Europe. While living in Paris, she and her companions had planned to give a New Year's party for the children who attended the Church Branch. In the apartment where they resided was a little French boy, Pierre, the youngest of a large family. They had often heard little Pierre singing as they passed his door. So they asked the mother if he could come to the party and sing one of his little songs on the programme. "Surely you do not mean that you want Pierre to sing before other people!" exclaimed his astonished mother. "Yes," they assured her, that was exactly what they did want. Overcome with emotion she said that never before had any of her family, through church intercession, taken any part or performed before other people, outside of the family

circle. And so, when the great day for the programme arrived, all the family, dressed in their best, came with little Pierre, and in awe and wonderment, heard him do his part with the other children on that marvellous programme. It was surely the "red letter day" of their lives.

In contrast with this, children of all ages are constantly taking part on programmes, in operettas, in Sunday School presentations and at other Church gatherings in every part of the Mormon Church. Provision is made in the various organizations for every one to develop his or her talents, in song, in speech, in dramatics and in numerous other ways.

The aim of the Church is to make men happy. One of the

most potent forces in achieving continuous happiness for its members is to keep them engaged in some form of Church service. The satisfaction which comes from personal development and from giving service to others greatly enriches the lives of Church members. It is safely estimated that from 85 to 90 per cent of all Latter-day Saints are engaged in one or more Church activities.

For the benefit of any who may not be familiar with the system of organization of the Church, may we give a brief outline of that system?

At the head of the Church is the First Presidency, consisting of the President and two Counsellors. Next is the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, followed by the Presiding Patriarch and the First Seven Presidents of the Seventies, then the Presiding Bishop and his two Counsellors. These men, collectively, constitute the



The Millennial Chorus *

British Radio listeners have heard their songs on three occasions.

the General Authorities of the Church and have general supervision over everything pertaining to the organization in all the world.

All male members over 12 years of age may hold the Priesthood, and very nearly all do so, therefore there is no special Priesthood class in the Church. The benefits of the Priest-

hood become available to all, and the responsibility for the welfare of the Church becomes a common concern.

There are also five educational agencies, known as the Auxiliary Organizations. In the order of their seniority these are, the National Women's Relief Society, the Deseret Sunday School Union, the Young Women's and the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations and the Primary Association. The Church also maintains a Department of Education and a Genealogical Society.

Each of these organizations, enumerated above, is designed

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*Standing, left to right: Elders Dudley M. Leavitt, president, P. M. Anderson Moyes, Robert S. Stevens, Laurel T. Pugmire, A. Burt Keddington, David C. Thomas, Norman H. Roberts and O. Clifford Merrill; standing, left to right: Elders George W. Shupe, Richard G. Smith, Theron L. Labrum, Bertram T. Willis, director, Leonard L. Moffatt, Harold P. Mogerley and Clyde L. Barraclough.

SOUTHWEST LONDON WINS CONTEST

Another successful year for the Mission Building Fund contest, sponsored annually by Dr. Ray M. Russell, superintendent of the Y.M.M.I.A. in the British Mission, came to a close on Friday, January 15. At the Mission offices in London, Elder John W. Boud, Mission secretary and treasurer, laid down his pen and, peering at the pages of a special ledger announced the results of the contest. His figures covering a period of from January 15, 1936, to January 15, 1937, show the following branches as leaders and their respective amounts accumulated:

Southwest London Branch	-	-	£108	5	0
Dublin Branch (Irish District)	-		104	0	0
Bradford Branch (Leeds District)	-		44	0	0

Contest prizes donated by Dr. Russell which will go to the above for their excellent participation and results are: first place, £10; second place, £5; and third place, £2-10-0. North London Branch came fourth with a figure on the ledger of £27-16-0, which represents its accumulation during the contest period. Other branches which closely followed the above are: Hyde (Manchester); Sheffield (Sheffield); Derby (Nottingham); Lowestoft (Norwich); Glasgow (Scottish); Hull (Hull); Nuneaton (Birmingham); Mansfield (Nottingham); Liverpool; and Skelton (Newcastle).

Comparing the Building Fund figures for last year with those of this year it is seen that a great stride has been made toward the aim of the contest. As stated in the *Star* of December 31, 1936, a new chapel has been erected in London, and several have been acquired in other parts of the Mission. Faithfully have members, while maintaining their present meeting places, peered into the future and laid plans for a Latter-day Saint chapel of their own. Building funds have been instituted to accumulate the necessary means which at some future time may make possible the new building. Funds are raised by offerings from members only, and by money obtained by admission to socials and other affairs held within the Branch after expenses are deducted. The records of deposits are kept by the Mission treasurer during the contest.

Although the 1936 contest is now completed it is hoped that the enthusiasm will not discontinue but will actually increase. However, between now and the end of May there will also be interest in another programme. This is the coming Mission-wide M.I.A. Conference, which last year was held in Kidderminster. An early issue of the *Star* will contain a complete announcement of the plans for the conference which have been carefully prepared by the Mission M.I.A. Board.—A. Z. RICHARDS, JR.

THE WAY OF LIFE

By Dr. Thomas L. Martin

NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles written for the Star by Dr. Martin, professor at Brigham Young University. Others will follow.

IN one's religious quest for a way of life that will bring the greatest satisfaction one needs to ponder the intellectual aspects of the Latter-day Saint faith. In the *Millennial Star* for October 31, 1935, there appeared an article by the writer on the subject "The Intellectual Appeal of Mormonism." A number of items from this article will be used in this discussion. It is believed that when one finds a religious purpose for his intellectual endeavours, that he has gone a long way towards reaching that satisfaction to which men strive.

Joseph Smith found through revelation that there was something beautiful and worth while in human beings; that there was a divinity in all men. He learned that man existed before he came to this earth life, that men will exist after this life, and that the individual development one gains in this sphere of existence determines the rate of progress he will make in the next. He said that man must study the God we worship. One must learn to become like Him. One cannot become like Him until it is known how He works. One may discover Him through His works. This world is His, the times, and the seasons, the rain, the sunshine are all His. His glory is in the universe, and the manipulations of the universe are manifestations of His work.



Joseph Smith

He taught that man must study the God we worship.

God showed Joseph Smith that the scientific laws which were evident in the earth, in the seas, and heavenly bodies are manifestations of the power and glory of God. Joseph Smith said, "I want you to learn all these things that God is responsible for. I want you to become like him." And so in the Doctrine and Covenants Section 88, Verses 78, 79, he urged men "to be diligent that they may more perfectly understand the law of the Gospel. They must know things that are in the heavens and in the earth and under the earth; things which are, and things which must surely come to pass, things which are at home, and abroad; the wars and the perplexities of nations and the judgments which are on the land and a knowledge also of countries and of kingdoms." In other words, Joseph Smith desired that men should study the Gospel as taught by Jesus—get acquainted with the heavenly bodies, know geology, history, political economy and sociology. He said these are all means by which one may learn God.

Such thoughts have an intellectual appeal for any normal individual. It involves the idea that a man has within him the power to become a great leader, and if he exercises that power he will develop to the point that when he passes to the next phase of life he may continue his activities of progress.

No man can be saved in ignorance. A man is saved no faster than he gains knowledge. No matter what a man is studying in this life, when he gets to the other side he will continue the same type of activity. Such thoughts certainly do have an intellectual appeal. Every mental effort man makes in this life is a part of his religious faith. It is just as vital as any other phase of religious activity. What better way is there for bringing joy to the hearts of men? What better idea can one have than to realize that one has the opportunity to learn and become God-like.

While man is engaged in these intellectual pursuits, motivated by such a religious philosophy as ours, he will aid his fellow man, and work against the forces which are bringing the world on the verge of war, he will continually make the best that is in him contribute to the development of an ideal state in life. He can do no other.

This article presents but one idea which, when lived up to, contributes to the security of happiness, a purpose for which we exist.

PRESIDENT LYMAN LEAVES FOR EUROPE

President Richard R. Lyman, of the European Mission, left Friday, January 15th, for a six-week tour of European Missions that will take him to six of the eleven missions over which he presides.



President Lyman
Now touring continent

The first stop on President Lyman's itinerary is in the Danish Mission, where, in company with President Alma L. Peterson, he will spend one week, leaving Denmark for Germany, where he will remain for the following week, in the German-Austrian mission. Then he will visit in turn for approximately one week each, the Czechoslovakian, Swiss-German, French and Netherlands missions.

While in the French Mission he will attend the opening ceremonies of the new Herstal Branch Chapel. In Germany he will be principal speaker at the Berlin District conference of the Sunday Schools, Primary and Genealogical associations, and in Czechoslovakia will be principal speaker at the Brno

District Conference.
March 1st.

He will return to London about

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EDITORIAL

THE PROGRESS OF MAN

Off the press in recent weeks has come a book written by Elder Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of the Twelve Apostles and published by the Genealogical Society of Utah. Its title is *The Progress of Man* and the 530 pages within its cover are replete with scholarly and enlightening treatment of a subject vital in the heart and mind of every student of religion.

The subject matter treated in *The Progress of Man* is a continuation of the work projected by Elder Smith in his volume *The Way to Perfection*, published some five years ago by the Genealogical Society.

An idea of the book's contents is gained by reading the title page, on which the author states:

A brief treatise on the outlines of man's history upon the earth, his periods of advancement and retrogression, the governments and laws—divine and human—to which he has been subject through the ages, with a declaration that it is the right of Jesus Christ to rule and reign upon the Earth.

Also a declaration that the hand of the Almighty has been over the nations, limiting them in their exercise of power, and turning their designs to His own purposes. The facts of history are interpreted in the light of the revealed Word of God, and the final destiny of the earth and man is foreshadowed.

Much has been written on the subject of man's progress upon earth. It is a subject which provokes many avenues of thought.

Considering progress from the standpoint of accomplishment, from the standpoint of the more abundant life afforded the people of the earth, and the vast enlightenment which has displaced ignorance, bigotry and prejudice, it is a simple matter to come to the conclusion that Christian nations have far outshone those which have not had the teachings of the Saviour to guide them.

True, the Christian world has not lived in full accordance with His teachings. But it has benefitted by the philosophy of life which those teachings inculcate into the daily lives of those who accept them. Herein lies the difference between Western and Eastern civilization. The one has Christianity as its guide, the other has religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Mohammedism and Confucianism.

All of these Eastern religions have a spirit of resignation, despair, or indifference to accentuate the daily lives of their adherents. Christianity, on the other hand, offers

Different Philosophies the spirit of eternal hope, vigilance and progress. Confucius would say to the drowning man, "Profit by your experience," Mohammed would say, "Whether you sink or swim, it is the will of God," Buddha, "Struggle on," and Hinduism, "You will have a chance in another life." Jesus would say, "Take My hand." Thereby, he puts forth His utmost for the aid of His fellow man, teaching that hope eternal,

offered only by Christianity, will lead to happiness.

In His every word and action the Man of Galilee set examples which, if followed to their utmost, would provide the answer to any and all problems confronting the world today. The Christian spirit of progression burns into the soul of everyone the responsibility, not only for his own welfare, but for the welfare of others as well. It enables men to overcome seemingly insurmountable handicaps and forge ahead to new and better ways of living and at the same time leaves a desire for further advancement.

While Christianity has been on the earth since the days of the Saviour, yet the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in all its fulness has not always remained. There was an apostasy shortly after His death, and many of the fundamental laws and ordinances were changed and broken, leaving only part of His Gospel as a guide to the people.

But slightly more than a century ago, this Gospel was restored to earth. It was revealed in all its fulness through the Prophet Joseph Smith, who gave it once again to all mankind. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints possesses today the same organization, every ordinance, and all other features of Christ's Church in their simplicity and completeness as they existed before the great apostasy two thousand years ago.

One of the foremost and fundamental beliefs of this restored Church is that of man's eternal progression, not only in this life, but in the life to come. The Prophet was told by heavenly visitors that man's progress is and will ever continue to be eternal. Just as the Master would extend his helping hand to any who need it, and plant in their hearts renewed hope and courage, so this Gospel teaches and inculcates that same love for fellow men, and that same spirit of helpfulness that Jesus Himself showed during His ministry.

—PARRY D. SORENSON

THE CHOOSING HOUR.

"There is an hour somewhere among the years," writes Clarence Edwin Flynn in a poem, when all of us must pause and choose our course. By that, we are certain that Mr. Flynn does not refer to one particular hour which will never come again. That hour, undoubtedly, is every hour of every waking day, and especially those hours when decisions must be made. Unfortunately we never know which are the great and important choices. One which might have seemed most trivial may prove to be the most momentous.

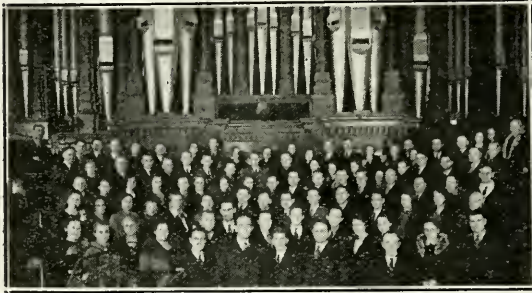
I choose to go to church and there I hear something that shapes my life. I choose to attend a ball game, or to go to a cinema. Perhaps somewhere a great idea will take possession of my heart. Such choices are accidental, of course. But, on the other hand, if I constantly choose to do those things which bring me nearer to my goal, then am I, indeed, a mortal being, taking an active part in shaping my future life.

Friend, who may be reading this, this instant—to-day—to-morrow—is the *choosing hour*.—*Improvement Era* Editorial

FOUR THOUSAND CAROLERS

“AND suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying: ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.’”

“On this night before Christmas we bring you, not the heavenly host, but a host of worshipful voices singing the hymns, carols and anthems that have become part of the Christmas tradition. This is the Christmas massed choir festival, presented from the Tabernacle on Temple Square in Salt Lake City, and participated in by one hundred and three church choirs, school choruses and other singing units, numbering more than four thousand individual singers from throughout the vicinity of Salt Lake City and surrounding inland communities.”



Choir Leaders and the Organ

They represent the 103 singing groups who sang on the Christmas programme.

Radio listeners of America heard Elder Richard L. Evans announce these words at the beginning of a unique broadcast which emanated from the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City on Christmas Eve. Christmas greetings, in the form of the world's best known and beloved carols, were sung by the huge choir of 4,000 voices, directed by Elder J. Spencer Cornwall, conductor of the Tabernacle Choir, and accompanied at the Tabernacle organ by Elder Frank W. Asper.

Most of the chorus was composed of ward choirs from in and around Salt Lake City, while singers from other local church and school groups completed the assemblage. Co-operating with the Church in sponsoring the broadcast were the Salt Lake Ministerial Association and the Chamber of Commerce. Arrangements were under the direction of Elder Earl J. Glade, manager of Radio Station KSL, through the facilities of which the programme originated.

Christmas songs from many lands and climes were sung on the half-hour programme. They included the English favourite, *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*, France's *The First Noel*, and *Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming*, from Germany. Other hymns were *Far, Far Away on Judea's Plains*, written by a Mormon Pioneer, John McFarlane, the story of the wise men, as related in *We Three Kings of Orient Are*, and *Joy to the World*, the music of which was adapted from Handel's *Messiah* and the words adapted by Isaac Watts from the 90th Psalm.

As a final and fitting climax to the unique Christmas broad-

cast, the great concourse sang the *Hallelujah Chorus* from the *Messiah*, while the radio audience was invited to join in its rendition.

And as the last strains died out, bringing the programme to a glorious close, it recalled to many listeners and singers the circumstances under which Handel wrote his masterpiece. As the great composer sat at a table with the *Hallelujah Chorus* lying before him, the ink still wet, he turned to a servant, and with awe in his voice and tears streaming down his cheeks he said, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me and the Great God himself."—PARRY D. SORENSEN

HULL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

President Joseph J. Cannon was principal speaker at the evening session of Hull District conference, held Sunday, January 17, in Hull Branch Chapel.

Other evening speakers were Supervising Elder Clarence B. Cannon, and Elders Joseph S. Wood, Lee S. Manwill and Francis W. Cox. Conducting the session was Brother Arthur E. Ransom, first counsellor in the district presidency. Musical numbers were furnished by the Singing Mothers and Daughters of the district.

District President Joseph Walker conducted the afternoon session, at which speakers were Elders Bryant H. Croft, Franklin W. Hawkins and Benjamin R. Glade, Sister Ramona W. Cannon, president of the British Mission Relief Society, and Sisters Ellen Cavanagh, Helen Bryant and Amelia May Ransom.

Sisters Elsie Spain, Nancy Ramm, Audrey Twidale and Brother George Walker spoke at the morning session, which was conducted by Brother Ransom.

SHEFFIELD, NORWICH AND NEWCASTLE CONFERENCES

District conferences of Sheffield, Norwich and Newcastle district will be held Sunday, January 24th, with sessions at each conference, beginning at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., and 6.30 p.m.

Sister Amy Brown Lyman, consulting advisor for women's auxiliaries in the European missions and first counsellor in the general presidency of the Women's Relief Society will be principal speaker at the Sheffield District conference, which will convene in Sheffield Branch Chapel, corner of Ellesmere and Lyons Roads, Pittsmoor, Sheffield. The Millennial Chorus will also be in attendance.

Norwich District conference will be held in Norwich Branch Chapel, 60, Park Lane, Norwich. Elder John W. Boud, Mission Secretary and Sister Maud Hawks will be in attendance.

President Joseph J. Cannon, and Sister Ramona W. Cannon, British Mission Relief Society president, will be principal speakers at sessions of Newcastle District conference, to be held in West Hartlepool Branch Chapel, Osborne Road, West Hartlepool.

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for a specific purpose, and the effect of the activities of all of them is to insure the mental, physical, moral, spiritual and economic development of all the members of the Church, of all ages, in all lands—and all without a paid ministry.

As previously indicated, the opportunities for self-expression, accorded to all Church members, in the programme and activities of these organizations, are numerous. Here, in the various age groups, the members participate in classes devoted to the study of theological and religious subjects as well as in social and cultural activities, including music, art, drama, literature, social dancing, public speaking, etc. Boy Scout and similar activities for older boys and young men, as well as a parallel programme for girls and young women of corresponding age, are among the outstanding features of the youth programme of the Mormon Church. Here, under the supervision of experienced leaders, young people form lasting friendships which help them in choosing their life's companions.

The development which comes to the individual from active participation in all the many organizations of the Church is often truly phenomenal. Because of the opportunities for self-expression afforded its members, the Church has frequently been referred to as an outstanding educational institution. And it provides just that—a system of education for all of the activities and obligations and rewards of life—here and hereafter.

Perhaps one of the most unique systems of educating its members and of proselyting for new members of any organization in the world, is the Mormon Missionary System. Missions are maintained in most of the civilized world and there are now approximately 2,000 exemplary young men and women serving as missionaries for the Church for periods of from two to three years. They come from all walks of life, the school, the shop, the field and from city and country homes. After a brief training period, they are sent to their fields of labour, where they are presided over by an experienced mission president. All of the expense of these young missionaries is borne by themselves or their relatives. They have wonderful experiences in meeting and conversing with people in various countries, and the development and culture which they personally receive is little short of miraculous. Many a farm or city lad has left home with no ability to face an audience or to defend his beliefs; and in two or three short years has returned—a polished speaker, bright of countenance, well poised, eager, ready and well prepared to expound the principles of his religion or to converse intelligently on any subject. This experience fits him for greater responsibility and leadership in any vocation he may choose, and brings back to his community the desirable customs and culture of the outside world.

At the present time, great progress is being made in missionary methods. In addition to the long established

method of calling from door to door, baseball, basketball, tennis and other sports are engaged in by the missionaries, in their work of making friends. Recently the Church has been providing the missionaries with illustrated books, and a splendid series of lantern slides and films, depicting historical and other scenes, which are used with great success. Many of the missionaries have good singing voices and vocal quartettes have been organized in a number of the missions. These singers are frequently in demand for concerts and other entertainments. In the British Mission, a male chorus of 15 missionaries has been making marked progress since May of 1936. This organization, known as the Millennial Chorus, recently appeared on a regular radio programme, sponsored by the Irish Government Broadcasting Corporation, in Dublin, and later was presented by the British Broadcasting Corporation, from government-owned stations in Belfast and Manchester. These young men were also entertained in Dublin by the American Minister, Mr. Alvin M. Owsley, and sang for his guests, including the ministers of France, Germany and Belgium, besides several officials of the Irish Free State and their ladies.

The Mormon missionary system is organized to carry out two of the great purposes of the Church, first, the perfecting of the individual, and second, the promulgation of the truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others.

The foregoing account of the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is skeletonized and fragmentary. Space will not permit telling of the intricate details of the functional structure in this Church of self-development whereby every man is at the same time his brother's keeper and master of his own destiny. Indeed the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ reflects the whole spirit and philosophy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; that every man is a free agent; that every man is a child of God; that every man must make his own choices; that every man shall be rewarded according to his own acts; and, further, that men may grow and develop and serve self only by serving others.

Thus the good of each becomes the good of all, and thus the functions of religion, in which everyone may and should be equally interested and active, become a matter of both individual and community concern rather than the private business of a clergyman or clerical class. Men work out their own salvation.

Such is the genius of the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly called the Mormon Church. The world frankly marvels at it, believing it to be of human devising. But the members of this Church, and many thoughtful men not of this faith, explain its perfection only in terms of Divine origin.

KINGDOM OF GOD

The Kingdom of God is the actual rule of God in human affairs through the Holy Priesthood, guided by inspiration of the Holy Ghost, in administering divine ordinances for the bestowal of the Holy Ghost through which comes to obedient souls the inner "righteousness, peace and joy," that subdues and conquers the world, not by "observed" external force, but by the loving reign of the will of God in human hearts that purifies, sanctifies and exalts mankind.—NEPHI JENSEN

LEEDS DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Leeds District conference was held Sunday, January 17, in Westgate Hall, Bradford, with 240 in attendance at the evening meeting, almost half of whom were non-members.

Principal speaker at the evening session, conducted by District President Herbert Walker, was Sister Amy Brown Lyman, first counsellor in the general presidency of the Relief Society, and consulting advisor for women's auxiliaries in the European Missions. Other speakers were Elder Dudley M. Leavitt, president of the Millennial Chorus, who represented President Joseph J. Cannon, and Elders Theron L. Labrum and Clyde L. Barraclough.

Musical numbers for all the sessions were provided by the Millennial Chorus and a vocal solo was sung by Elder A. Burt Keddington.

Brother Thomas I. Watkins, first counsellor in the district presidency conducted the afternoon meeting, at which the speakers were Sister Florence Malmberg, lady missionary, Supervising Elder Angus I. Nicholson and Sisters Mary Smith, Ethel Bradbrook, Marie Craven, Lucy A. Walker, Ivy Mense, Ivy Waite and Lucy Ripley.

The morning session of the conference was conducted by Brother John C. Harrison, second counsellor in the district presidency. Speakers included Elders Clair M. Aldrich, Alton D. Merrill, Bertram T. Willis, David C. Thomas, Sisters Dorothy Shorrocks, and Marie Waldram, lady missionaries, Brothers Frank Holroyd, Stanley Watkins and George H. Smith, and Sisters Marjorie Gregory, Violet Whitaker and Marie Craven.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

BASEBALL is proving to be a popular sport in Australia and a team of Mormon missionaries has played the past season in the Bankstown - Sydenham Baseball League in New South Wales. One of the local papers, in commenting on the Latter-day Saint team said, "Never before have we watched play such genuine sports as the Latter-day Saints."

At the close of the season the secretary of the Baseball and Umpires' League wrote in a letter to the missionary team:

"It is the wish of the delegates and members of the teams who were your opponents that their appreciation of the fine sporting spirit displayed by your members throughout the season be conveyed to your club. The matches played were a source of enjoyment to players and spectators alike."

"The Umpires' League has author-

ized me to convey to your club its appreciation of the splendid sporting spirit displayed by your members. You have not only created an added interest both among players and spectators but, by your skill and manliness, have very materially advanced the interests of the game itself."

REORGANIZATION of the presidency of New York Stake was effected recently under the direction of President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., and Elder John H. Taylor of the First Council of Seventy. Sustained as new stake president was Dr. Harvey Fletcher, internationally known electrical engineer, who is director of Physical Research for the Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York. Dr. Fletcher is also a member of America's premier scientific society, the National Academy of Science.

OF CURRENT INTEREST

SCOUTING paid tribute to Elder Melvin J. Ballard, a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles,



Elder Ballard
*Honoured
by Scouts*

recently, when he was elected vice-president of region Twelve of the Boy Scouts of America. Elder Ballard was elected to the post when he attended the annual conference of the region, which comprises the states of Utah, California, Arizona and Nevada, held in San Francisco, California.

Returning to Salt Lake City at the conclusion of the conference, Elder Ballard reported that Utah scout troops stand in first place among troops from other states in the region in their progress and activities.

THE NETHERLANDS has increased its number of houses by 50 per cent. within 16 years. Since 1919, 714,000 new dwellings have been built. Now the country seems to have a surplus of houses. At the end of the World War the Netherlands were faced with a severe housing shortage aggravated by exorbitant building costs and high interest rates. The condition was solved through a system of Government subsidies.

LORD BURGHLEY, the former British Olympic captain, speaking in Manchester recently, appealed for the campaign aimed at national physical fitness. "Obviously what you do not want to build up is someone who thinks entirely of sport and nothing else. What you want to aim at is that you should get in the ordinary individual a balanced outlook on life," he said, after pointing out that there were far too many C3 people in Britain. This campaign wants at the same time to develop certain characteristics, such as self-control, self-denial, and self-confidence, the *Daily Mirror* report stated.

A NEW scheme to transform important British main line railway stations in various parts of the country into ultra-modern buildings is being prepared by the London Midland and Scottish Railway, it was announced January 17. It is proposed to remodel the big railway stations situated in the hearts of cities and towns into giant luxury buildings, housing sports stadiums, cinemas, hotels, shops, and offices, in addition to the floodlit, smokeless, warm, and draughtless covered-in platforms for the trains. Experiments are now in progress to prove the practicability of the plans, and it is expected that Lime-street Station, Liverpool, will be the first to undergo the vast change at a cost of about £1,000,000 and that others in Birmingham, Manchester, and Scotland will follow immediately.

COMPLETED recently was a majestic shaft of Colorado pink granite on the Cheyenne Mountain which rises 10,000 feet above sea level, two miles west of famous Pike's Peak in Western United States. This edifice, "Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun," was designed by an expert architect, and like Rogers, the tower is typically rugged and reflective of the warmth and friendly spirit of the West. Randall Davey, the internationally known painter has been working for months on murals for the tower, which as visitors ascend the stairs will depict western history since about 1789. As a memorial to the famous good-will ambassador and actor, it was erected by Spencer Penrose, a wealthy Colorado pioneer and friend of Will Rogers.

BRITAIN'S overseas trade last December made such a spurt that 1936 ended with the highest exports for six years, and the highest imports for five. Exports were valued at £440,719,000, manufactured goods accounting for £340,000,000 of the total. This was an increase of nearly £15,000,000 on the year before. Imports rose to £848,936,000, an increase of £92,000,000 on 1935. £36,000,000 of this increase was for raw materials.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Release—

Elder George Eldon Noble was released Friday, January 15, to return to his home in Trenton, Utah. He laboured in Hull, Norwich, and Sheffield Districts.

Appointment—

Elder Joseph W. Darling was appointed supervising elder of Irish District, Monday, January 11th.

Transfers—

Elder Parley P. Giles, who has been supervising elder of Irish District, was transferred to Liverpool District on Monday, January 11th.

Elder E. Clark King was transferred from Liverpool to Nottingham District, January 18th.

Doings in the Districts—

HULL—Sister Marion Barratt, assisted by Miss Lottie England, Sisters Helen Bryant and Amelia Ransom, conducted Hull Branch Primary and Sunday School social on Saturday, January 9th. The children in attendance enjoyed the programme of games following which each was presented with a gift.

LEEDS—Through the Dewsbury and Bately Toc H. Clubs many people have recently heard the "illustrated lecture, "Landmarks of Church History," presented by Elders Alton D. Merrill, Clair M. Aldrich, Wilford P. Jordan and Supervising Elder Angus I. Nicholson. Several Books of Mormon have been distributed at the meetings.

BIRMINGHAM — Kidderminster Branch conference was held in the Branch Chapel Sunday, December 27. Brother Robert L. Dunn was released as branch president, which position he has ably held since 1916. Brother William L. Gittins was sustained as his successor with Brothers George A. Allan and Dennis F. Collins as counsellors. Other officers sustained by the Branch are Brothers Dennis F. Collins, Sunday School superintendent; Lorenzo P. Dunn, Y.M.M.I.A. president and Dennis F. Collins and Allan Taylor as counsellors. Sister Lillian S. Burton was sustained as Y.W.M.I.A. president and Sisters Doris M. Dunn and Hazel A. Dunn as counsellors.

Nuncaton Branch Sunday School presented a Christmas pageant Sunday, December 27, conducted by Sisters Sarah Seckington and Madge Hugo. Elder William B. Hawkins spoke at the service and Brother George E. Hunter gave presents to the children.

NORWICH—Lowestoft Branch M.I. A. sponsored "Stephen Foster" night Tuesday, January 5th. Brother John P. Cook related the life of Stephen Foster and Sister Jessie Sharpe, Brothers Thomas Boar, Fred Howarth, Elder Arthur C. Porter, and the M.I.A. chorus rendered selections during the programme. The Branch Sunday School also held a social Thursday, January 7th. Books were presented for attendance records to many of the scholars, and special awards were given to Donald Cook, Peter Cook, Madeline Cook, Winnie Gowing and Colin Stafford. Superintendent Sidney W. Coleby, Brother W. H. Daniels, Sister Florence Gowing and Secretary Leslie Cook were in charge of the event.

LIVERPOOL—Accrington Branch held its Sunday School social in the Branch hall, Saturday, January 2nd. Brothers Eddie Preston and James Dawson were in charge of the affair.

At baptismal services held Sunday, January 3rd in Burnley Branch Chapel under the direction of Branch President John Moore, Dulcie Lillian Ryan was baptized by Supervising Elder Dale L. Barton and confirmed by Brother Willie Duckworth.

NOTTINGHAM—Sister Charlotte Orme conducted the Derby Branch Primary social on Saturday, January 9th. More than 85 were in attendance. Prizes were presented to those having high attendance records and each child, as a climax, was given a shining new penny.

Hucknall Branch sponsored a Sunday School supper on Saturday, January 9th, and more than fifty people attended. Those having creditable attendance records for the past year were rewarded with prizes.

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